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Hongkong, May 1, 1907.



HAPPY VALLEY.
IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, as works for the improvement of the Drainage of the Valley are to be begun, the areas designated C, D, E, and F, which have been allotted for various sports, will be CLOSED on and after the 13th instant, and until further notice.

Director of Public Works.
Hongkong, May 5, 1908.

WANTED.

A GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT. Must be accurate and quick at figures, and with a knowledge of Stenography preferred. State age, experience and salary required. Apply to A. B. C., Care of 'China Mail' Office, Hongkong, May 5, 1908.

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Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1907.

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NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club will be held in the Club House, on THURSDAY, the 14th May, 1908, at 5.15 p.m., for the purpose set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.
By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, April 29, 1908.

HONGKONG CLUB.

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By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, April 29, 1908.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of Mr. U. H. GRACE on leave, Mr. JAMES CRAIK has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.
H. P. WHITE, Chairman.
Hongkong, April 1, 1908.

S.S. 'HOI MING.'

Captain EVANS.

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Hongkong, September 25, 1907.

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For the Bath and all Toilet Purposes, Delicately Perfumed,

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FIRST CLASS TABLE. TERMS VERY REASONABLE.

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Hongkong, March 11, 1908.

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Thoroughly First-Class and Up-to-date. String Band During Dinner.

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Conceivable Corner of the Race Course. Splendid Assortment. Complete Set

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FURNISHED or Unfurnished in best
House with 200 foot frontage to
suitable for Mess or boarding house.
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Hongkong, May 1908. 690.

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ONE ROOM in PRINCE'S BUILDINGS,
Top Floor, apply to
S. J. DAVID & CO.
Hongkong, February 28, 1908. 328.

TO LET.
LARGE OFFICE ROOM on 1st Floor of
No. 16, DES VUEX ROAD.
Apply to
FERD. JORNEMANN,
No. 16, Des Vieux Road Central.
Hongkong, January 1, 1908. 19.

TO LET.
4 and 5-ROOMED HOUSES in ROW.
Des Vieux Road Central, Hongkong.
Immediate Possession. Moderate rentals.
Apply to
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE
Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, August 13, 1907. 1321.

TO LET.
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
GODOWNS No. 98, 99 and 100.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, July 22, 1907. 12.

TO LET.
A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TER-
RACE, KOWLOON.
No. 3, CANTON VILLAS.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, May 1, 1908. 20.

TO LET.
Good OFFICE ROOMS in HOTEL
MANIONS, First Floor.
Apply to
Messrs. CHINA MAIL Office.
Hongkong, April 4, 1908. 532.

TO LET.
TOWER HOUSE: Ten Rooms; Ken-
new Road.
Apply to
Mrs G. SACHSE, KINGSFORD.
Hongkong, September 2, 1907. 1419.

TO LET.
OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILD-
INGS.
Apply to
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, April 22, 1907. 730.

TO LET.
ONE FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, at
PRATA EAST, near East Point.
Apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, September 27, 1907. 1556.

TO LET.
NORTH Side of the DOUGLAS
WHARF. Terms on application to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK,
General Manager,
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
Hongkong, March 21, 1908. 505.

TO LET.
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
GODOWN at DAVIES STREET, Ken-
new Town, lately occupied by the
Standard Oil Co.
Apply to
CHATER & MODY.
Hongkong, March 24, 1908. 463.

TO LET—FROM JUNE 1.
No. 2, ANTRIM VILLAS, Des Vieux
Road, Kowloon. Five Rooms.
Apply to
Messrs FARRELL & LISAUGH.
Hongkong, March 25, 1908. 474.

TO LET—ON MAY 1st.
A LARGE FURNISHED BEDROOM
with Bath and Dressing room adjoin-
ing, suitable for married couple.
Apply to
Messrs. CHINA MAIL Office.
Hongkong, April 25, 1908. 627.

TO LET.
A SHOP and 3 FLOORS above 20,
CONQUEST ROAD CENTRAL, facing
Douglas Pier, occupied by Messrs W. S.
BAXTER & CO.
Apply to
STEWART TERRACE, The
"STOWFORD," No. 12, Bonham Rd.
Apply to
Messrs. CHINA MAIL Office.
Hongkong, April 21, 1908. 630.

TO LET.
DEACONSFIELD ARCADE, First
Floor and Dwelling Room.
No. 57, PRATA GRANDES, Macao.
Apply to
Messrs. CHINA MAIL Office.
Hongkong, April 15, 1907. 127.

TO LET.
OFFICES in QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
No. 57, PRATA GRANDES, Macao.
Apply to
Messrs. CHINA MAIL Office.
Hongkong, April 15, 1907. 127.

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70,000 SQUARE FEET of LAND
with 200 foot frontage to
Kowloon Bay. Moderate Rental.
Apply to
Messrs FARRELL & LISAUGH.
Hongkong, August 23, 1907. 1589.

TO LET.
SHOP, No. 14, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.
Large AUCTION ROOM, No. 2, Zer-
land Street.
WORKSHOPS and OFFICES, No. 12,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1st Floor.
Nos. 2 & 4, FAIRVIEW, ROBINSON
ROAD, KOWLOON.
Apply to
LEIGH & ORANGE.
Hongkong, April 24, 1908. 25.

TO LET.
CHAMBERS in No. 2, WYNDHAM
STREET, late Hotel, Baltimore, rent
moderate.
CENTRAL, containing 6 Rooms and Ser-
vants Quarters.
One ROOM with Verandah and a Small
Room on the Second Floor of No. 3, Des
Vieux Road CENTRAL, above our Office.
Suitable for business premises or dwelling.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, February 26, 1908. 311.

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GODOWNS in PRATA EAST, Blue Build-
ings, and No. 16, Des Vieux Road next
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OFFICES in HORTON TERRACE.
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Length.....78' 7"
Beam.....18'
Moulded Depth.....11.6'
Draft fore.....7'
Draft aft.....10'
Fitted with Lavatory, Pantry and a Tank
capable of storing 6 Tons Water.

The Yacht
AILSA,
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2 Sets of Sails, Standing and Running Gear
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(As supplied to principal
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SITUATED in the ROYAL ITALIAN CON-
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on the 27th of JULY, 1908, at 10 A.M., in
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cession.
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They are situated near the railway station
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Tramway running through.
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THE CHINA MAIL.

Senators Platt and Dewey participated
in the ceremonies marking the closing
of the Fifth Avenue Hotel and the passing
of the Amen Corner.

Socialists at the Grand Central Palace
denounced the police for "suppressing free
speech" at Union square on March 28.

Echoes of a royal scandal were recalled
on April 3, when Judge Keogh, of the
Supreme Court in White Plains (U.S.A.),
signed an order making absolute the di-
vorce granted three months ago to Dr.
Lewis A. O'Brien, a dentist, with offices at
No. 542 Fifth Avenue. Dr. O'Brien was
expelled from Denmark by Royal order in
1903 when love letters which had passed
between him and the Crown Princess Louise
were discovered. The discovery of the
letters and Dr. O'Brien's banishment fol-
lowed the elopement of the Crown Princess
with M. Giron, her children's tutor. The
dentist resided in this country with his
wife and four children. In the fourteen
years he resided in Dresden Dr. O'Brien
made a fortune and won a high social posi-
tion through his appointment as court
dentist. He and his wife were received at
court and they entertained members of the
royal family in their own home.

AEROPLANE TRIUMPH

Two Men On One Machine.
PARIS, March 22.
The remarkable flight which Mr. Henry
Farman accomplished on his aeroplane at
dusk on Friday—which, according to the
most trustworthy of half a dozen estimates
may be put at a mile and 750 yards, covered
in three minutes forty seconds—was eclipsed
yesterday by Mr. Farman himself, who
experimented before the committee of the
Aéro Club, and covered a distance of about
two miles and a half in about four minutes.
But what was probably more remarkable
than Mr. Farman's exploit was the attempt
made by M. Delagrèze to carry two men
on his aeroplane—which is approximately
a reproduction of Mr. Farman's. M. Dela-
grèze chose Mr. Farman as his partner.
Mr. Farman fixed himself in the rigging
above M. Delagrèze's shoulders, and the
machine was set in motion. The result
disappointed some of the spectators, but
satisfied all the aeronauts who saw it.
The machine succeeded in several flights of
twenty yards or more, which, though not
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years ago.

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TUESDAY, May 12.—

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this date subject to rent.Goods per Buson undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, May 14.—

6.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Club
at Club House.

SATURDAY, May 16.—

Noon—Meeting of The National Bank of
China, Ltd., at Bank premises.

SATURDAY, May 30.—

Noon—Tenders will be received at the
Office of Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1908.

INDIA.

Our special telegram, published in this
issue, in reference to the frontier
difficulty in India is reassuring. There
have been suggestions that the Ameer
of Afghanistan has directly or indirectly
been affording support to those in re-
bellion against British authority. Were
this true a grave problem would face
the British Government. Our relations
with the Ameer are excellent and on his
visit to India not so long since he was
treated with the utmost friendliness and
respect. An endeavour was made, and
we believe successfully, to prove to His
Majesty that Great Britain had no
ulterior motive in regard to Afghanistan.
Our recognition of its independence
was full and complete and there was no
desire lurking in the background to
make it a protected state. If the Ameer
does not yet realize the trend of British
policy in relation to his state the fault is
not ours. But, from the wording of the
telegram to which we have referred, it
would seem to be evident that the
Ameer has learned that he has nothing
to fear but much to gain from Great
Britain. Were he to support the rebels
who are now giving us trouble he would
be running the risk of losing his country.
We do not want Afghanistan and
if we were compelled to annex it we
make it a protected state it would only
be adding to our difficulties. A strong
buffer state is of immeasurably greater
value to us than would be a state discon-

tently enduring an unwelcome protec-

tion or another section of Colonel Empire

iron, and to be held, by force. It is to
our interest that Afghanistan should
maintain its independence and not fall
under the domination either of Great
Britain or Russia. We are convinced that
the Ameer as a man of the world fully ap-
preciates his position. He has, as we have
shown, nothing to gain and everything to
lose by assisting Great Britain's enemies.
It is true that rulers sometimes fail to
see in which direction their interests
lie but there is no ground for supposing
that the Ameer is afflicted with this
shortsightedness. He has the reputa-
tion of being one of the most enlightened
of Oriental potentates. That reputation
has been enhanced by the attitude
which, by implication, he is shown to
have adopted at the present juncture.
To use a homely metaphor His Majesty
evidently understands upon which side
his bread is buttered.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

During the year 1907, 439 vessels,
having a total tonnage of 1,444,894 tons,
arrived in Singapore from west of Suez.On April 18 the Korean insurgents
made a raid upon the town of Sang Won
and burned down the major portion of the
Government buildings.The battleship Mikasa has been
commissioned as flagship of the First
Japanese Squadron instead of the Katori,
which has been placed in reserve.Dr Baetz will leave Tokyo for Korea
about the middle of May to see President
General Ito. He will be received by an
audience by the Emperor of Korea on the
occasion.It is denied by the Manchurian Viceroy
that China has sent either troops or arms to
Chientsu since the opening of negotiations
with Japan in regard to the ownership of
the territory.The Dato Moutri Bessu of Johore has
presented to Raffles Museum a specimen of
the Euphorbia aspergillum, or the Venus
flower basket—a silicious sponge found in
deep waters. This specimen was got from
Cebu at a depth of 42 feet.A contemporary recalls the fact that a
few hundred years ago authors were
frequently put in the pillory and deprived
of their ears for writing books. All the
good old customs seem to be dying out
nowadays, adds the "Globe."When standards vary so enormously
it is hard to estimate who enjoys the
greater sum total of happiness, the average
European or the average Chinese, but
probably the latter, as he appears to
possess the larger fund of natural philo-
sophy.—"Pinnang Gazette."The Foreign Ministers to Peking have
consented to China's proposal to empower
Chinese authorities to buy properties of
foreigners in the interior of China. It was
for this reason that the Waiwupu com-
menced to investigate into the properties
of foreign missions in various provinces.It is reported by the Sourabaya
"Handelsblad" that, about August or
September next, the Netherlands India
Government intends to dispatch three
armoured cruisers, the Hordijk, Hordijk,
the Tromp, and the Koninkin Regentes,
on a visit to China, Japan, and Australia.The "Korea Daily News" is informed
that the three Korean gentlemen who were
raising subscriptions for bringing back the
body of the late Mr Yi Chun, from
Holland, have been arrested by the police.
It will be remembered that the late Mr Yi
was one of the Korean delegates who was
refused admission to the Hague Confer-
ence.At a hospital, at Saigon, the other
day, admissions included a native of India
from Tonkin who was taken in as a pauper,
and there he died. On the pauper's
clothes being examined, he proved con-
clusively to be a married man. He was
in possession of 18,000 francs worth of
gold pieces, many bank notes, and a draft
on the Bank of Indo-China.We have received an early copy of the
current number of "The International," a
magazine, which is intended to bring
before the reading public the chief move-
ments in regard to sociological and political
matters in the leading countries of the
world. "The International" is published
in French, also in German, and the object
of the Editor, Dr Broda, is to show month
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There was an extraordinarily heavy
rainfall at Nagoya on the morning of April
23rd, and over 4,000 houses were inun-
dated.According to a Taipei telegram, under
date of April 24th, the expedition against
Formosan aborigines is advancing. About
3,000 casualties have already occurred
among the aborigines.A fine of \$10 each was imposed by
the Hon. Commander Basil Taylor, R.N.,
at the Marine Court to-day, on three
boatmen for fastening their passenger
boats to the s.s. Haimun, whilst that
vessel was under way in the harbour.It is reported from Moji that about
10,000 coal coolies there lately asked for
an increase of wages. As their request was
rejected, they are now disposed to go on
strike. They are believed to be in com-
munication with the coal coolies at
Nagasaki and Kanetsu.An explosion of powder occurred on
board the Japanese warship "Mitsubishi"
Yokosuka on the 20th ult., while she was
firing a salute in honour of Prince Ito, the
Fushimi, who attended the graduation
ceremony of the Torpedo School, at an
Imperial proxy. A blue cloud of smoke
injured in the face and hands. He is now
under treatment at the local naval hospital.A Hiroshima message says that
Takasugi Katsuki, of Hiroshima, near that
city, was taking his family and two pas-
sengers in his boat from Mikawachi
Kai, in the neighbourhood of a fish torpedo
boat, a Japanese boat of the battleship
Kasuga struck the bottom of the vessel.
The boat almost sank but the torpedo-
boat was able to save the craft and all on
board.Yesterday evening the celebration of
the 25th anniversary of the foundation of
the Italian Government was concluded
at the Convention buildings were beautiful
illumination in honour of the occasion.
On the 12th inst. the Rev. Father G. M.
Spada will celebrate High Mass for the
 repose of the souls of all the sisters who
have died since the foundation of the
Institute.A Chinaman went to the market
yesterday and asked \$1.00 for a box
which he said was gold. The box was
advanced the \$80, and he was told to
hand the box over to the police. He was
suspicious and tested the ring by a
diamond, he found it was lead. The
Chinaman was then given to the police and
Chinese man was arrested. This morning
he was taken to the police station and
labour.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Professor B. H. Chamberlain, perhaps
the greatest living authority upon the
Japanese language, left Japan to return
home (probably to permanently remain)
on April 11.With a manifestation of sorrow and
sorrow the remains of the late Mr J. W.
Chamberlain were laid to rest, yesterday
afternoon. Full Masonic honours were
accorded to the deceased, and the brethren
of the different lodges followed the cortege
to the cemetery. The Rev Mr Stephens
conducted the service at the graveside
while the Masonic funeral service was read
by Warranted Bro. B. H. Bridger. The
burial took place in the form of a service
and was very impressive.A large congregation assembled at St.
John's Cathedral last night, when Mr
Lennan Fuller gave the last of a series of
organ recitals. The pieces played by this
efficient musician were all by August
Eigler's "Military March," No. 4, was a
selection heard for the first time in this
Colony, and needed to say Mr Fuller
did ample justice to this masterpiece.
Tchaikovsky's "Piano" (Pavane)
Symphony, also received most careful
and delightful interpretation, while Ego-
noff's "Storm" was another elegant
selection which was most memorably rendered.
The other pieces included (a) "Pavane"
(b) "To the Spring," (c) "Anglo's Farewell," and a "Melody in
E." Mr F. Austin was the soloist and sang
"Thou art passing," and "It is enough," in
a pleasing manner. A collection was made
on behalf of the general expenses of the
Cathedral.

SMOKELESS GUNPOWDER.

Taken From A Wreck.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Oswestry, May 5.

The capture of three hundred pounds of
smokeless gun powder has led to the
discovery of a further quantity which is
now being shipped to Canton.It may be recalled that sometime last
month some natives in the Western districts
were arrested when engaged in carrying a
large quantity of gunpowder. The men
who were charged before the Court stated
that the powder was not for the rebels but
that it was taken from a wreck on the
spot. On this information, the District
Magistrate sent to make enquiries and the
statement has been verified with the con-
sequence that another quantity representing
four hundred pounds was collected from the
natives. The powder is now packed in
seven cases which are being sent on board
the Chinese Cruiser "Shun Hong" to
Canton.

THE PERIL IN YUNNAN.

To form an estimate of the weight that
may attach to the rising in Yunnan and the
present success of the forces arrayed against
the Chinese Government there it is needful
to pass in review such knowledge as is
available of the conditions that can be
made to subvert the ends of rebellion.
Yunnan is in geographical extent the second
of the eighteen provinces, ranking next to
Szechuan in area; this, the largest of the
provinces being the boundary of Yunnan on
the north. On the East of this extensive
region lie the two backward and sparsely
peopled provinces of Kwangsi and
Kwangtung. The last named has been the
scene of formidable movements against the
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cessfully the Imperial Armies, driving
them from point to point until the empire
lay practically at the feet of the usurper.
The fact that Yunnan, the disturbed area,
borders on Kwangsi has been a factor in
the situation which conditions its serious-
ness. For purposes such as the opposing
forces have in view Kwangsi and Yun-
nan may be regarded as part of the same
extended region of country. Other charac-
teristics that have to be kept in view by
the high authorities who are seeking to
maintain law and order include the fact
that Yunnan has been the scene of one of
the worst anti-government conflicts in
modern history in China has had to deal with.
From about 1855 onward, the
Mohammedans of Yunnan were in re-
bellion. The story of those years shows
the Chinese Government's weakness and
corrupt barbarity, and the terrible
put-down after, in 1873, the "pacification"
of the province did not mean a thing more
than the victory of the stronger forces
triumphing in bloodshed and cruelty that
brought a new meaning to the terrors of
civil war. There is no settled condition of
stable government that is not based on
the good will of a contented people and
both Kwangsi and Yunnan have had too
much reason in the history of the past to
yearn on the occasion offered by the present.
Nor may it be overlooked that large areas
in this province of Yunnan are inhabited
by aborigines who are only in partial
subjection to the Chinese. It is the worst
of these tribes to maintain at times a kind
of general warfare and they not seldom
commit heinous crimes against the Chinese
settled in their midst. The wild tribes make
marauding expeditions into their borders.
In parts of the provinces they have inspired
the more settled inhabitants with whole-
some dread by the means adopted of in-
dicating their prowess, after aggression on
the part of their stronger neighbours. Fin-
ally if we regard the Southern boundary,
Yunnan and Burmah, it is sufficiently
manifest that here is a prime source of
peril. Not without reason has the Chinese
Government sought to make terms with
the French authorities across the border
from Yunnan for the better security of the
empire on the sides that border Assam
and Tonkin. Here Sun Yat Sen was said
to be in hiding, hiding his time and waiting
for an opportunity to strike the final blow
which was to wreck the present adminis-
tration in China and bring a new era of
civilization, progress and prosperity. It is
probably on the side and within the borders
of these two Southern provinces that
risings really formidable are likely to take
place. Most of this gigantic province is
raised plateau 5,000 to 6,000 feet high, on
which are mountain ranges everywhere in-
tersected with gorges and narrow valleys,
a province where nature would lend her
aid to large bodies of men armed in readi-
ness to pursue a scourge and terror through-
out the land. There are sound reasons
why the Chinese Government should view
seriously risings in Yunnan and leave un-
der no means for the real and lasting
pacification of this tract of country.

THE PERIL IN YUNNAN.

To form an estimate of the weight that

may attach to the rising in Yunnan and the

present success of the forces arrayed against

the Chinese Government there it is needful

to pass in review such knowledge as is

available of the conditions that can be

made to subvert the ends of rebellion.

Yunnan is in geographical extent the second

of the eighteen provinces, ranking next to

Szechuan in area; this, the largest of the

provinces being the boundary of Yunnan on

the north. On the East of this extensive

region lie the two backward and sparsely

peopled provinces of Kwangsi and

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FRONTIER TROUBLES.

AFGHANISTAN NOT IMPLICATED.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, May 5.
Reuters learns from authoritative quarters that, in regard to the situation on the North West frontier of India, there is no ground for alarm.

It is not thought likely that the trouble will spread.

In very high quarters it is declared that there is no justification for the belief that the Afghans have been affording assistance to the rebels with the concurrence of the Amir.

When the Amir's views in regard to the Anglo-Russian agreement, recently concluded, are taken into consideration it is thought to be unlikely that there will be any extension of the sphere of operations.

CHINA'S NAVY.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

TOKYO, May 5.
The Viceroy of the Two Kwang, the Two Kiang and Manch Provinces, have been instructed to recommend suitable persons for the Navy Re-organization Department.

UNREST IN THE SOUTH.

HOKOW RE-CAPTURED.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

Peking, May 5.
The Governor of Yunnan has wired to say that after a fierce engagement with the rebels Hokuw has been re-captured. Arrangements are being made with the French authorities to suppress the rebels as much as possible.

THE BOMB OUTRAGE IN BENGAL.

Bombs Discovered.

LONDON, May 4.
Two of the Munimpor bomb throwers have been arrested, and one of them has since committed suicide. The police in Calcutta have raided two places, and discovered large quantities of explosives and half filled bombs, thirty arrests have been made.

INDIAN FRONTIER TROUBLES.

Afghans on the Border.

LONDON, May 4.
From 13,000 to 20,000 Afghans have crossed the border, the bulk of them taking the direction of Lundi Kotal, where they attacked a block house, and were repulsed.

Lahore.
Upon the Indian frontier news, Consuls have fallen to 80% Indian 3% loan 98%, and the Indian 3% loan to 80%. The gravity of the latest developments is fully recognised.

ASSASSINATION.

Sir Colin Campbell Scott-Moncrieff Killed.

LONDON, May 4.
The local Sheikh murdered Sir Colin Campbell Scott-Moncrieff, and proclaiming himself a prophet, collected 150 ex-Dervishes and attacked the force under Governor Dickenson which was on the way to restore order. The Sheikh was beaten off, and the Dervishes killed. Two Egyptian officers were killed, and Governor Dickenson and Major Logan wounded.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

A Proposed Monument.

LONDON, May 4.
Mr. Asquith will move on the 18th inst. that a monument to the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman be erected in Westminster Abbey.

LINGERING COUGHS.

PERFECTLY cures that continue through the spring and summer usually indicate some throat or lung trouble, and it is a serious mistake to neglect them. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of coughs of this nature and a few doses taken in time may save a doctor's bill and perhaps years of suffering. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE BOYCOTT.

SPREADING TO SHAOCHOW.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 5.
The mercantile and educational classes of Shaochow wired to the Self-Government Society here yesterday informing the latter that a meeting of the National Disfranchisement Association will be held there and requesting the presence of a representative at the meeting. It was pointed out that the community there has quite realised the position and that no demonstration which is likely to create a disturbance will be made. They also understand that nothing will be done to agitate for a boycott, but that the populace will be left to do what they think best.

The boycotting organisation of Chinese firms in Hongkong wrote to their Canton office yesterday that the undertaking they have signed has been in force since April 30, and that their office in the Straits have been notified not to break the terms as by doing so their whole concern would be involved. Canton is also requested to observe the terms of the undertaking in like manner.

A further communication from the Japanese Minister at Peking to the Viceroy, it is stated, has been wired to Canton in connection with the boycott. In the communication, according to the remarks of a Chinese official, Japan demands satisfaction from China owing to the injury done to Japanese trade by the boycott. Japan also demands in very strong language the immediate suppression of the movement.

N.Y.K. Suffering.

The Osaka "Asahi" states that the Chinese boycott movement appears to be affecting the shipping service between Osaka and Shanghai. The N.Y.K. steamer Kanga Maru, which was to leave Osaka for Shanghai today, has obtained very little cargo from Chinese. At present, the N.Y.K. steamers make two trips a week on the route, while Messrs Butterfield and Swire have only one, but the Chinese seem to prefer to wait for the British vessels rather than patronise the Japanese. It is said that the N.Y.K. authorities at Osaka will consult the local office as to the steps to be taken in the matter. The Osaka Chinese are supposed to be acting under pressure from home.

Y. M. C. A.

Literary and Debating Society.
The annual general meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society was held at the Association's room last evening.

In presenting the first annual report the Committee referred to the unqualified success which had followed the establishment of the society. The report stated: "In every branch of the Society's activities—Debating, Literary, and Social—interest has been sustained, and some of the most successful nights have been those upon which the dominating influence of wet weather was expected to keep members away. The most gratifying of all signs has been the serious manner in which all questions, other than those of an intentionally jocular nature, have been treated by speakers, and the standard of eloquence has improved with every debate. The active membership may be roughly stated at sixty, and the average attendance at thirty members, though on occasions there have been as many as fifty members present. The first Premier was Mr. J. L. McPherson, whose Government passed measures to provide for compulsory military training and for a commercial treaty with China, but were defeated on their Education Bill. The next leader of the House was Mr. S. Kingsbury, and the Government succeeded in getting through measures to abolish the subsidiary college oval, to establish a university, and to give preference to British shipping. The present Premier is Mr. R. A. Lowry, and Mr. T. Fuller leads the Opposition. Private members' rights have contributed interesting debates on Capital Punishment, Women's Suffrage, and a tax on lockholes. Members have been privileged to listen to lectures by the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, on Irish Characteristics, Mr. W. T. Preston, on Canadian Characteristics, Mr. J. L. McPherson, on a trip from Canton to Hankow, and Dr. Bellies who gave a popular lecture on the human eye. Many interesting lectures are already promised for next year, and the attendance of the public is expected to continue as large as on the occasions above mentioned. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed. They are: President, Mr. S. Kingsbury; Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. L. McPherson and Capt. Brown; Treasurer, Mr. E. A. Fowler; Secretary, Mr. E. W. Smith.

JAPANESE LOAN REDEMPTION.

Government Plan Unsettled.

The term for receiving applications for the redemption in cash of the first domestic war bonds at a discount has now expired, but, as far as has been ascertained yesterday, says the "Kobe Herald" of April 22, the amounts asked for have only reached ¥12,465,630. The amount which the Government proposed to repay in this way was ¥30,000,000. The applications for conversion of the bonds only total ¥1,006,700 at present, but these can still be received.

HAVE YOU RHEUMATISM?

IF so, apply Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller. It has cured others and there is no reason why it should not cure you. One application relieves the pain. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE SHANGHAI RACES.

Records Broken.

The second day's racing at the Shanghai Spring Meeting was responsible for some excellent times. The Derby, The Race Club Cup, The Shanghai Stakes and the Scurry Stakes being won in record time, while the Chinkappa Cup was won in faster time than had been accomplished prior to this meeting. Mr. Morris' Heathfield won the two mile race in 4 mins. 10 1/2 secs., which is over five seconds better than the previous best. Borell held the record up to this meeting, having covered the distance in 4 mins. 21 1/2 secs. in 1893. Last Spring Meeting Heathfield ran second to Quorn in this event, the winner's time being 4 mins. 26 secs. In the Derby Fahneston equalled the record for the mile and a half, but later in the afternoon, Mr. Peel's Manchou King won the Shanghai Stakes (one mile and a half) in 3 mins. 10 1/2 secs., thus clipping three-fifths of a second off the record shared by Brockton and Pamatin. Messrs Hunter and Robson's Temeraire won the Scurry Stakes—a seven furlong dash—in 1 min. 46 1/2 secs., which is one faster than the record which stood to the credit of Alaska from 1904. In addition to the above meritorious performances, Morik went within three-fifths of a second to breaking a record in the Scurry Cup over a mile and a quarter, accomplishing the distance in 2 mins. 36 1/2 secs., as against Cedar's record of 2 mins. 35 1/2 secs., which was registered in 1906.

These results are published by courtesy of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Second Day.

THE RACE CLUB CUP. Two miles.
Mr. Morris' Heathfield (Mr. Crighton) 1
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Myrtle Tree (Mr. Vidal) 2
Mr. Ballin's Sagittarius (Mr. Schor) 3
Time 4m. 16 1/2 secs. Record time.
THE GREAT STAKES. One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Richmond's Diana Ken (Mr. Laurance) 1
Mr. Ballin's Borellaphus (Mr. Schor) 2
Messrs Middy and Nevill's Kingscross (Mr. Muller) 3
Time 2m. 37 1/2 secs.
THE Scurry CUP. One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Morley's Morik (Mr. Vidal) 1
Mr. Borell's Brockton (Mr. Reid) 2
Mr. Morris' Argente (Mr. Meyerink) 3
Time 2m. 36 1/2 secs.
THE PRINCE'S STAKES. One mile.
Messrs Neibow and Robson's Gledier (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Johnson's Kingfish (Mr. Muller) 2
The Four Star's Cloud (Mr. Springfield) 3
Time 2m. 06 3/4 secs.
THE SHANGHAI STAKES. One mile and a half.
Mr. John Peel's Manchou King (Mr. Johnston) 1
Mr. N. W. Hickling's Maybury (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. Ellis Kadonah's Bohemian Chief (Mr. Hayes) 3
Time 3m. 10 1/2 secs.
THE Scurry CUP. One mile.
Messrs Hunter and Robson's Ravenshoe (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Ring's Amaze (Mr. Meyerink) 2
Mr. Fash's Marbles (Mr. Johnston) 3
Time 2m. 16 1/2 secs.
THE Scurry STAKES. Seven furlongs.
Messrs Hunter and Robson's Temeraire (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Johnson's Sokol (Mr. Muller) 2
Mr. G. D. Gault's Delance (Mr. Springfield) 3
Time 1m. 46 3/4 secs. Record time.

To-day's Events.

THE GREAT NORTHERN PLATE. Seven Furlongs.
Messrs Hunter and Robson's Ravenshoe (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Toog's Sticking Cup (Mr. Hayes) 2
Messrs Coyne and Blumens's Game Chick (Mr. Muller) 3
Time 1m. 47 1/2 secs.
THE HORTON PLATE. One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Johnson's Sokol (Mr. Muller) 1
Mr. Toog's Sticking Cup (Mr. Hayes) 2
Mr. R. Macgregor's Best Friend (Mr. Johnston) 3
Time 2m. 39 1/2 secs.
THE SHANGHAI STAKES. One mile.
Messrs Neibow and Robson's Gledier (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Johnson's Kingfish (Mr. Muller) 2
The Four Star's Cloud (Mr. Springfield) 3
Time 2m. 5 1/2 secs.

JAPAN'S ARMY.

Weeding Out Socialists.

At a meeting of the Commanders of the Army Divisions the following decisions were arrived at in regard to the means to be adopted for checking the spread of Socialism in the Army.
1. A close scrutiny should be made in the character and friends of soldiers suspected of being Socialists.
2. Steps should be taken to ascertain what persons they meet when they are out of barracks.
3. The suspected soldiers should be shadowed by gendarmes.
4. Care should be taken not to allow the necessary supervision to injure the standing of the suspected men as soldiers.
Owing to the lack of gendarmes the shadowing will at present only be carried out when urgent need arises.

TRANSFORMOSAN RAILWAY.

Successful Opening.

The construction of the tunnel between Koshoo and Koroton on the transformoson railway having been completed, a trial trip was successfully held and the line was opened to traffic. By the opening of the new line the insular railway has now been completed from Keelung in the north to Kuanlin in the south. The "Japan Times" states that the distance between Taihoku and Tainan will, it is expected, be covered in 10 hours, a direct train service being run twice a day from each terminus. The opening ceremony will take place in October next at Taihoku.

STEARNS' WINE OR COGNAC ON LIVER OIL.

NO valuable remedy in delicate health. If you are feeling morose and listless, you need a good general tonic. Remember there is nothing better than Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

SIR—The suggestion made by Hon. Mr. Pollock, K.C., during the debate on the second reading of the Bill now before the Legislative Council that a proviso be added enabling parties dissatisfied with the rulings of the Building Authority or Sanitary Board to have recourse by a simple mode of procedure to the Supreme Court is one of no just a nature and would I believe be so acceptable to the Community that the Government should not for a moment demur to its enactment.

Prior to the passing of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 the right of appeal from the rulings of the Building Authority or Sanitary Board for actually existed as enacted by Ordinance No. 15 of 1889.

"Section 87: 'Whenever any person shall be dissatisfied with the exercise of the discretion of the Surveyor General in respect of any act, matter, or thing, which is by this Ordinance made subject to his discretion, the person so dissatisfied may in lieu of reverting to any legal remedy appeal to the Governor in Council who may make such order in respect thereof, as may be deemed expedient, and such order shall be final for all intents and purposes.'"

I therefore think if this Section were enacted it will do away with any suggestion that the aggrieved party was driven to any expense on account of appeal, because if he so approved he could appeal to the Governor in Council, in lieu of going to the Law Courts. Yours, etc.,

A. SHELTON HODDER.

SPORTING.

Lawn Tennis.

In connection with the Civil Service Cricket Club, the handicaps and draws for the tournament have been announced and are as follows:
Championship Singles—A. Thornhill v. R. O. Hutchison; A. C. Wright v. F. A. Bide.
Handicap Singles—W. Woolley v. F. A. Bide; A. George v. G. Burdett.
Doubles Handicaps—G. Hoggarth and Ellis v. A. Thornhill and Fincher; A. C. Wright and Gibson v. A. Brown and Woolley; G. Burdett and M. Melver v. L. E. Dett and A. W. Dawson.
All the other competitors have drawn byes in the first round.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The final Tennis Match at the Double Handicap—Messrs C. A. Carr and W. G. Worcester against the Hon. Dr. F. M. Atkinson and H. R. Phillips—will be played to-morrow on the Club's ground, commencing at 4.30 sharp.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONGKONG CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Captain's Cup was held at Happy Valley between May 2 and 4. The following cards were returned:
CAPTAIN'S CUP.
* W. Ironside... 87-12 75
A. Gittins... 80-2 78
C. T. Booth... 85-5 80
R. O. Hutchison... 81-4 82
A. Ritchie... 100-18 82
26 entries.
* A. Gittins... 81-2 79
W. S. Anderson... 85-5 80
C. T. Booth... 85-5 80
M. A. Murray... 85-5 80
R. O. Hutchison... 81-4 82
J. Douglas... 94-40 84
40 entries.
* Winner of Captain's Cup.
* Winner of Pool.

Rifle Shooting.

"DAILY MAIL" EMPLOYEES' CHALLENGE CUP.
Great interest is being taken in the "Daily Mail" Empire Challenge Cup competition, and the number of entries in the first week of April, numbered 378. The "Daily Mail" offer a hundred guinea cup to be known as the "Daily Mail" Empire Challenge Cup, to the rifle club which makes the best score in the whole Empire, this cup to be held for one year, unless, of course, the same club should win it two years running. The contest is to be divided into two sections: (1) Open to rifle clubs in any part of the British Empire outside the United Kingdom. (2) Open to rifle clubs in the British Isles. In addition each member of the first three teams in each section of the competition will receive a silver medal; each member of the fourth, fifth and sixth teams will receive a bronze medal, while a silver medal is to be presented to each member of the most successful ladies' rifle team.

The conditions of the contest are as follows:—Rifles: 300, 300 and 300 yards. Rounds: One righting shot at each range. Seven scoring shots. Position: Biely positions; standing, kneeling, or prone. Toss: Eight highest scores on day of the match to count as team. Any number of men from one unit may shoot.
Amongst the entries in the rifle competition are the Volunteer Reserve Rifle Association, Hongkong; Malay States Volunteer Rifle Club, Kuala Lumpur; Perak Rifle Association, Taiping, Perak; and the Singapore Rifle Association as well as the Shanghai Rifle Association.

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

EDINBURGH, March 30.

The Kincaidshire election comes at an important time. A Government in its third session is generally regarded as having arrived at its grand climax. The votes that will be cast at the polling booths may therefore be looked upon as affecting for more than the representation of a county in the north-east of Scotland. And although the battle has not yet been joined, it already promises to be the hottest in Scotland for many a year.

The Unionist candidate, Mr. Gammell, has the advantage of being first in the field and in receiving an undivided support. It goes without saying that he will have an uphill struggle, the majority against his party being two to one at the last election. At the meeting of his committee, the chairman, Sir Thomas Burnett, said they must remember "They were fighting against an enormous majority, and that if they could pull it down he would be satisfied." This remark provoked the intervention from Mr. Gammell, "I shall not be satisfied with that." The intervention was put, and had quite a dramatic effect, the audience cheering Mr. Gammell as a "first-class fighting man."

The Unionists intend to put Fair Trade in the forefront; though whether they will be able to keep it there depends upon circumstances beyond their control. Electioneering must always take the lead given by the electors. In Kincaidshire, the issue will be unusually mixed. The rural part of the constituency will be influenced by the Small Holdings Bill, the trawlers will have something to say about the price of coal and the miners' eight hours' day; and the line fishermen will be governed by questions affecting their calling. Every one will, nevertheless, be held in the water by the Unionists, and if they succeed in keeping the nose of the boat towards the great Imperial problems of the day, they will have achieved a great political victory. At the moment of writing, the Liberal camp is sorely divided, and although a sort of agreement is patched up, a deep feeling of irritation has been left behind. There was good reason for the protests of the Liberal voters. Captain Murray's candidature was simply the triumph of clever wirepulling. No one knew anything about him, except that he was the brother of the Master of Elibank, the Scottish Whip. Ex-Provost Fleming of Aberdeen, on the contrary, who was the other nominee was popular in the county, and a man of ability and force of character. The excuse made at headquarters for passing him over was that they wished to keep him in reserve for an important industrial constituency, presumably Dundee, of which city he is a native. The explanation has deceived no one, and the non-voting reflects little credit on the central organizers.

Captain Murray, who is at present with the King's Own Scottish Borderers in the Glasgow Garrison, was at one time attached to the 8th Gordon Rifles, and holds the medal for service in the China Expedition of 1900. He has also seen service on the North-West Frontier of India, and has travelled extensively in Japan and China. As a side-camp, he took a part in the Delhi-Durbar. When he lost a brother in the Boer War, he immediately called from China, offering to take his brother's place. Lord Curzon, however, had decided that no more Indian officers could be spared, and Captain Murray's request was refused.

The suffragettes are in Kincaidshire, making their first appearance in a Scottish election. Mrs. Pankhurst, who gives one the impression of being indignantly proud of her personal experiences, says: "We shall conduct the campaign in our usual rigorous manner." The members of the movement are very much in earnest, but the general disposition is not to take them seriously. They are regarded as imparting a lighter element to the drama of election. The ladies are certainly working their hardest, and vary their canvassing with posting bills and chalking their motto on the street pavements.

We have seen the passing of the Volunteer and the coming of the Territorial. In Scotland, as in England, the citizen soldier, who for half a century has been part and parcel of the national life, made no dramatic exit. And not even his warm admirer need appropiate him in the words of Miltonic melancholy.
"But, O, the heavy change now thou art gone!
Now thou art gone, and never must return!"

As for Mr. Haldrane's shadowy legion which are to take the place of the Volunteer, it is too soon to speak of them. Not for another twelve months will we know how many of the old force will extend their services beyond the twelve months. Many of the Scottish regiments marked the 1st of April by mid-night musters; the "Last Post" was sounded, followed by the "Reveille." Then an old guard of the Volunteers was relieved by a new guard of the Territorials. There have been "Groovin' dinners" and "suppers without number, at which 'Happy were the days' was sung, and 'Auld Lang Syne.' The men-cards were usually sent round for autographs, the favourite heading being—
"Thou art passing hence, my brother."
Haldrane after Sullivan.

Glasgow University Council have unanimously elected Lord Rosebery as Chancellor, in room of the late Lord Colvin.

Lochiel is the prospective Unionist candidate for the County of Sutherland.

Mr. Eugene Watson, the member for Clackmannan and Kinross, has been selected by Scottish Radical members of the

House of Commons as their chairman, in succession to his late son-in-law, Mr. J. W. Crombie. Mr. Watson is very popular among Scottish representatives at St. Stephen's. Unionists as well as Ministerialists.

Some interesting side-lights on the publishing business have come out in connection with a litigation about one of Mr. Crockett's stories, according to one witness. "Ian Macrae" was made popular because Mr. Gladstone approved of the "Bonnie Briar Bush." Another witness said that the whole Killyard school was dead and buried—and when we remember some of the latest endeavours to cultivate the kail we can't say that we regret its demise.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LTD.

The following is the report of the directors of the National Bank of China, Ltd., to the seventeenth ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the Bank, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, on Saturday, May 16, at noon:

Gentlemen—The Directors now beg to submit to you the Accounts and Balance Sheet for year ending 31st December, 1902. The Accounts show that the Balance of \$71,293.09 brought forward from last year together with \$150,000 from General Reserve Fund have been required in addition to the working profit during the year to make provision for bad and doubtful debts in 1902, and previous years, as foreshadowed in the chairman's speech at the Annual General Meeting held in 1903. This will leave \$150,000 in General Reserve Fund and a balance of \$10,223.09 to be carried forward to next account. The Capital Reserve Fund which stood at \$102,828 on the 31st December, 1902, has been appropriated to the extent of \$104,701.66 to enable the last call of \$40,483 (received at 2/5) to appear at 1/8 to the dollar in conformity with the test of the capital.

Mr. C. Ewens retires in rotation from the Hongkong Board, but, being eligible offers himself for re-election. The Accounts of the Office have been audited by Mr. A. R. Lowe, Chartered Accountant, and Mr. E. A. M. Williams, A.S.A. (of the firm of Messrs. Lowe and Bingham), Messrs. Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., Chartered Accountants, and the London Accountants.

Your Obedient Servant,
J. Scott-Hamilton, Chairman.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1903.

COMMERCIAL.

Ninety of Berlin's leading merchants and manufacturers have started on a great trade journey through the Balkans, European Turkey, Asia Minor, and Greece. Extensive investigations will be made everywhere regarding the possibilities of fresh openings for German trade.

Messrs. Shiley are about to publish a work on "The Foreign Trade of Japan" by Mr. T. Masuda, of the Great Mitsui firm.

New York, May 2.—The failure of Costers Bros. and Knapp, the well-known firm of stockbrokers here, is a disastrous one. Costers, the head of the concern, killed himself. Scores are beggared by the failure which is due to bad management, overplaying the market and the stringent times.

The report of the directors of the Siam Commercial Bank, adopted at a meeting of the shareholders on April 18, shows that the net profit for the half-year, after special allowances, amounted to Ties 188,014.49, as against Ties 190,077.04 for the preceding half-year. The payment of the usual dividend of 5 per cent was agreed to, and the most of the remaining sum was placed to the reserve fund. Mr. F. Lotz was appointed a director in the place of Captain V. Gullberg.

Coca planters are in a bad way in Java. They had brought much land under cultivation with that product, owing to the high prices formerly ruling for it. But now the restrictions have been placed in India and the Straits Settlements against the sale of cocaine as a deleterious drug, and the discovery of substitutes for cocaine have lessened the demand for the latter and a fall in value has resulted.

THE PHILIPPINES.

Question of Independence.

WASHINGTON, April 29.
Congressman James L. Slayden, who represents the district of Texas in which San Antonio is situated, and who is a noted Democratic speaker, has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives which requests the President of the United States to deliver the Philippine Islands to the natives thereof in 1913. The bill is plainly for the purpose of embarrassing the campaign of Secretary of War Taft and of creating sentiment against him on account of his well-known opposition to granting the Philippines independence within a generation or two. Slayden's bill will be discussed by leading Democrats if it can be gotten up.

In "Legions of the Dawn," a new novel by Allan Keith, a picture is given of a land entirely ruled by women—Gynarchy. In the Mid-African territory where the scene is laid, the men knit gloves, do fancy work, dust the knick-knacks in the drawing-room, are addressed as "my dear" by the young ladies, and are generally confined on the back and relegated to the background by the women-kind. What the purpose of the story is—whether to satirize women or men—must be left to the reader to discover. In any case the book is opportune in these days of feminist movements.

Mr. Unwin is publishing a Colonial edition of "My Life in the Open," by Mr. Will H. Ogilvie, the most distinguished and widely known of Australian poets. In this volume, Mr. Ogilvie gives a series of prose impressions of open-air life in many parts of the world. Thus we have, for instance, scenes of farming life in Australia, in the United States, in South Africa, and on the Scottish border. Some verses by Mr. Ogilvie are also included in the book, which has the rare merit of being the work of a man of letters out of one who has been in touch with the raw elements of life, and has held long-continued communion with Nature.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 6th at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably in Japan, the depression having passed away over the Pacific.

Barometric changes in other areas are slight. Pressure is low over N. China, and relatively high in a band extending over S. China, the Eastern Sea and the Pacific to the South of Japan.

Gradients are gentle in the South, and light variable winds may be expected in the Peihoes Channel, and light E. and N.E. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: E. or variable winds, light; fine.
2.—Peihoes Channel: Same as No. 1.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooks: Same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

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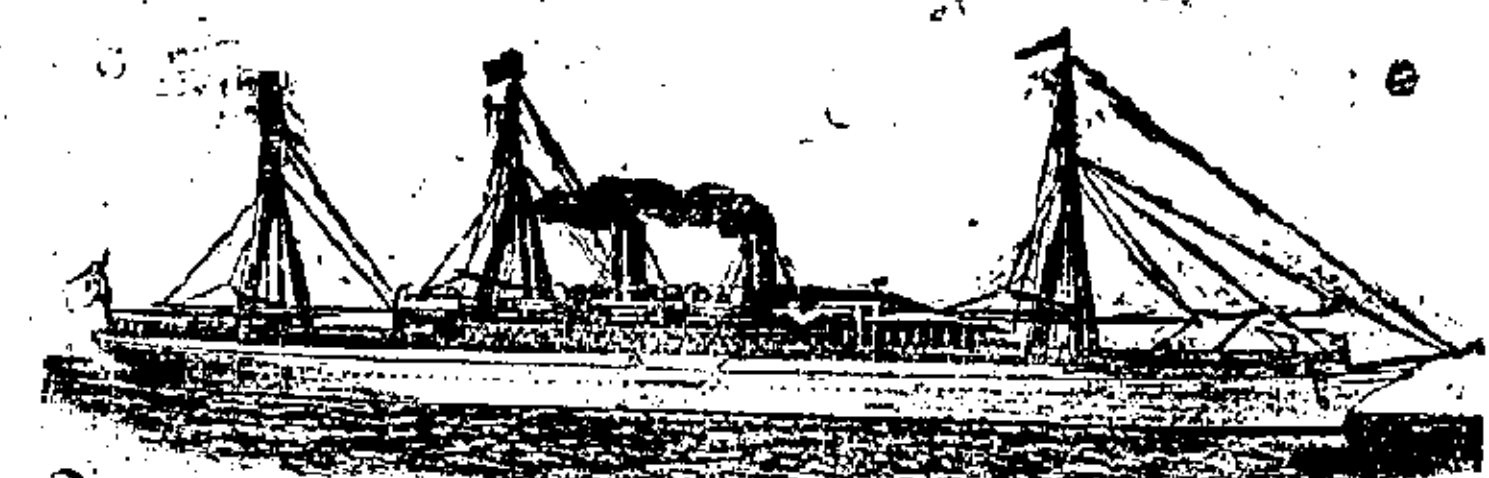
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SHANGHAI	DELHI	May 14th	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, via USUAL PORTS	OCEANA	May 16th	See Special.
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	Capt. H. Fomes	At about WEDNESDAY, 6th May.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, SAMARAI, BRUSAN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	Capt. D. Lenz	THURSDAY, 21st May, at 5 p.m.
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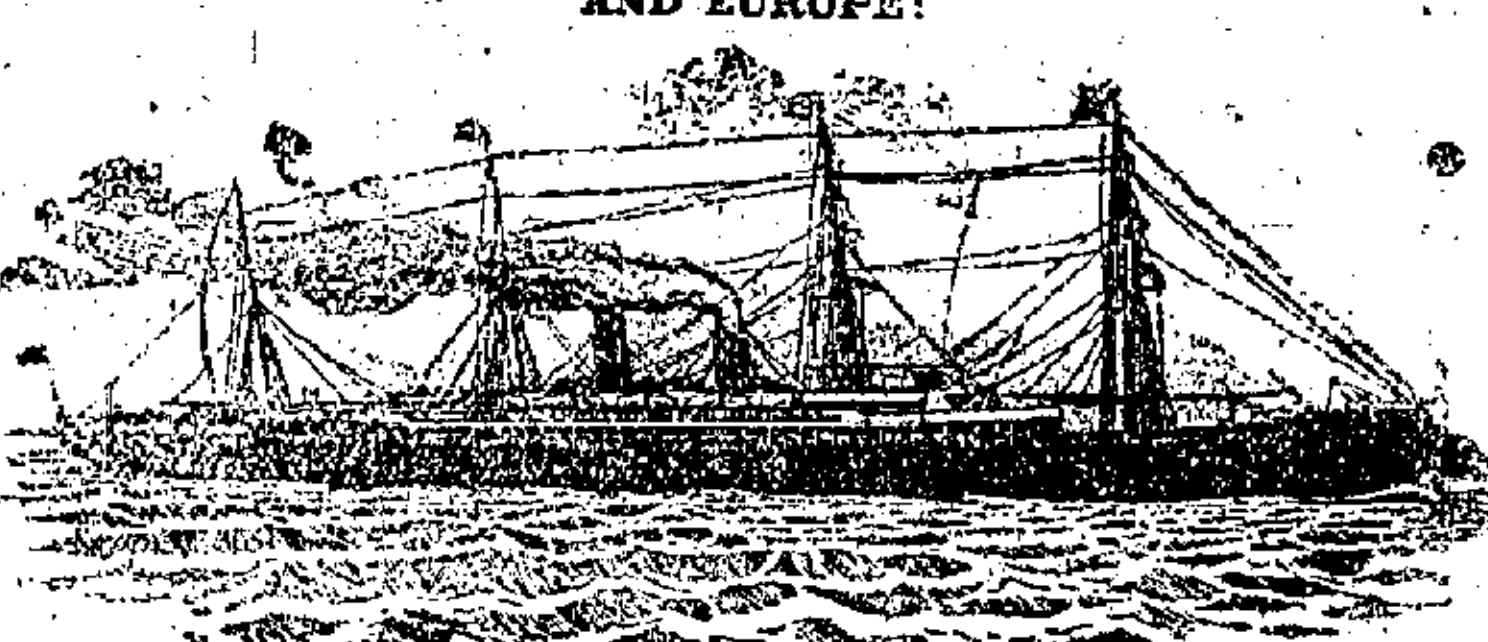
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* TENYO MARU 14,000	TUESDAY, 2nd June, at Noon.
* KOREA 18,000	TUESDAY, 16th June, at Noon.
* AMERICA MARU 11,000	FRIDAY, 26th June, at Noon.
* SIBERIA 18,000	SATURDAY, 4th July, at Noon.
* CHINA 18,000	SATURDAY, 11th July, at Noon.
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MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN, CHINGTU, MAY 11, at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY ISLAND, COCKTOWN, CHINGTU, MAY 11, at 4 p.m.

CAITAN, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, MAY 12, at 9 a.m.

STONEY & MELBOURNE, TATUNG, MAY 12, at 4 p.m.

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SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA	KUMSANG	SATURDAY, May 9, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	HANGSANG	SATURDAY, May 9, at 4 p.m.
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